

# Montana Literature

## Selected for "One Book Montana" Award

### Winter Wheat

By Mildred Walker;  
Introduction by James Welch

Winter Wheat, published in 1944, is the story of Ellen Webb, who lives in the dryland wheat country of north central Montana during the early 1940s. It "is a classic novel of the American West," James Welch says in his introduction to the novel. "That doesn't mean it is an old-fashioned novel. It could have been written last year, or next year—but it was written during the period it portrays, giving it an immediacy that is timeless. The descriptions of the country, the passages concerning the vagaries of wheat farming, going to town, listening to the war news and grain report on the radio, the pleasure of buying silk stockings and a new coat, are remarkably current."

**\$13.95 PAPER • 306 pgs**

### One Night in a Bad Inn

By Christy Leskovar

This book tells the fascinating true story of two colorful immigrant families who lived through extraordinary times. Rich in history and character, this remarkable saga follows a notorious matriarch, two daring fugitives, a heroic Irish doughboy, and a beautiful, inspiring lady across the parched plains of eastern Montana to a raucous mining town to the bloody battlefields of the First World War. It is a great read through which the reader may learn some intriguing history through the lives of some intriguing people.

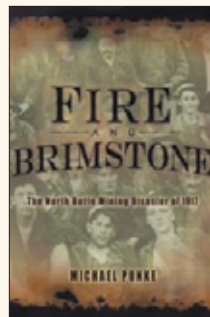
**\$24.95 CLOTH • 594 pgs**

### Mile High, Mile Deep

By Richard K. O'Malley

First printed almost 20 years ago, this new edition has been expanded to include additional materials and numerous photos from the Butte Silver Bow archives and the World Museum of Mining. Butte, Montana, in the late 1800s and early 1900s, was the jewel of the wild west. A population in excess of 100,000 with the best and worst of society on display, from the wealth of the Copper Kings to the hardships of the miners, it's all here. For anyone who has an interest in the history of the industrial growth of this country and expansion of the West, this is a must read.

**\$25.00 CLOTH • 606 pgs**



### Whistling Season

By Ivan Doig

A paean to a vanished way of life and the eccentric individuals and idiosyncratic institutions that made it fertile, The Whistling Season is Ivan Doig at his evocative best.

**\$14.00 PAPER • 352 pgs**

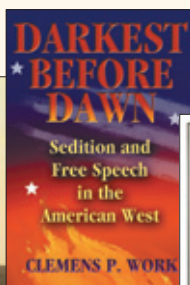
### Other Ivan Doig titles available!

#### On the Road Again: Montana's Changing Landscape

By William Wyckoff;  
Foreword by William Cronon

Wyckoff explores Montana's physical and cultural landscapes by pairing photographs taken by state highway engineers in the 1920s and 1930s with photographs taken at the same sites today. They offer an intimate view into Montana, how Montana has changed in the past 80 years, and how it may continue to change in the 21st century.

**\$29.95 PAPER • 196 pgs • maps • 116 illus.**



### Fire and Brimstone: The North Butte Mining Disaster of 1917

By Michael Punke

This is a true story of the worst hard-rock mining disaster in American history. Fire broke out in the North Butte Mining Company's Granite Mountain shaft sparked by an accident over 2,000 feet below ground and the fire spewed flames and poisonous gas through a labyrinth of underground tunnels that stretched for miles. Within three days, 163 men were dead.

**\$24.95 CLOTH • 338 pgs • b&w photos**

### Goldpans, Guns, & Grit: Diamond City from Territorial Gold Rush to Montana Ghost Town

By Kelly Flynn

When miners found gold in Confederate Gulch in 1864, Diamond City, Montana Territory, leaped to life, quickly exploding into the territory's third largest boom town, and for a while, the richest. Today, you couldn't find its location on most maps, even historical ones. After the easy-to-find placer gold began to play out, individual and corporate miners turned to hydraulic mining. Diamond City began to fade away within only five years.

**\$39.95 CLOTH • 336 pgs**  
historic b&w photos

### Darkest Before Dawn: Sedition and Free Speech in the American West

By Clemens P. Work

Darkest Before Dawn takes to task Montana's 1918 sedition law that shut down freedom of speech. It became a model for the federal sedition act passed in 1918. Work explores the assault on civil rights during times of war when dissent is perceived as unpatriotic. The themes of this cautionary tale clearly resonate in the events of the early 21st century.

**\$19.95 PAPER • 344 pgs • 30 halftones**

### Symbols of Montana

By Rex C. Myers and Norma B. Ashby

Symbols illustrates the historic development of Montana. A total of 12 symbols have been adopted that reflect the flavor and variety that is Montana's heritage. First published in 1976, revised and updated in 1989.

**\$3.50 PAPER • 32 pgs • color and b&w illus.**

